



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2676

Application No.: 09/787,402

Examiner: M. RAHMJOO

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Docket No.: 108974

For: IMAGE GENERATING SYSTEM AND PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the February 22, 2006 Office Action, the shortened statutory period for response being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Currently, claims 1-16 are pending.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,570,569 to Tsukamoto et al. (Tsukamoto) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,348,923 to Murata. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Tsukamoto is not prior art. Tsukamoto was filed in the U.S. on October 7, 1999, which is after the July 21, 1999 earliest effective filing date of this national stage application. As indicated in the PCT Request, priority was claimed to JP 11-206769 that was filed on July 21, 1999. We enclose a verified English-language translation of the Japanese Priority Application to perfect the claim for priority. Accordingly, Tsukamoto is not prior art.

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